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## A DETAILED STATEMENT TO THE COURT BY THE COMMISSIONERS THROUGH THEIR ATTORNEYS.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA—COUNTY OF CLARENDON.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS.

To the Honorable R. C. Watts, Judge presiding at the September (1905) term of court.

Thomas C. Owens, County Supervisor, B. P. Broadway and H. McFaddin McIntosh, County Commissioners of the said County, answering the rule issued out of this court by the Honorable R. O. Purdy, Presiding Judge, on June 7, 1905, requiring them to show cause why they should not be indicted for and on account of the matters presented against them by the grand jury, in their last regular presentment to the Court, would most respectfully show to the court:

1. In reply to paragraph 2 of the rule, in regard to the re-indexing of the records in the office of the Clerk of the Court, we would most respectfully say that we concur in the recommendations of the grand jury. It is a well known fact that numbers of the indexes are torn and badly worn, and we think provision should be made for the re-indexing of these records beginning in 1882, when the last general index was made, and coming down to the present time. In 1882, when the general index was made, it was done under special provision made by the General Assembly and with funds provided by that tribunal. No provision has since that time ever been made by the General Assembly for re-indexing these records. The annual supply bill supplies means for conducting the County's affairs, and usually specifically directs what funds and how much shall be applied to special and particular matters, and the board of County Commissioners have never had any funds in hand which they felt were applicable to doing this work. Further than that, the County Commissioners have never felt that they have been altogether warranted or authorized in going into another office of the county, particularly one so important as the Clerk's office, which contains all the public records, and making any changes or revisions, without being authorized so to do by the General Assembly, or the members thereof from this County. We would most respectfully state, however, that we think this work should be done, and whenever we are authorized so to do, either by the General Assembly or this Court, and the means are provided at our hands, we will take up the matter and have all the records properly indexed up to the present time.

II. Replying to sections 6 and 7 of the rule to show cause, recommending that the Supervisor pay the sheriff for fuel used in the jail building, we would most respectfully say that we do not know of any law requiring the Commissioners to furnish any fuel for the jail building more than what is necessary to the comfort of the prisoners. We infer from this recommendation that the grand jury thinks we should furnish fuel for the entire jail, including that to be used by the jailor and his family. It has never been the custom to do this, and we know of no law requiring it, consequently we have never felt authorized to spend the County's money in any way beyond what we were authorized or required to do by law.

III. Replying to so much of the grand jury's presentment as presents the Supervisor and board of County Commissioners for not making an itemized report of the County's expenditures, to the presiding judge on the first day of the first term of Court of the present year, we would most respectfully state that this report was made up and ready to be presented on the first day of the term of court as required, but through the inadvertence of the Clerk of the board of County Commissioners, he omitted handing the same in. We will state, however, that we have always, in compliance with the law, published complete quarterly reports, showing all purchases made by us for all purposes, and all claims audited and approved, for the three months next preceding. When it was discovered that this report was inadvertently not handed in to the court at its first term in this year, the same was promptly handed at the next term thereof, and examined by the members of the grand jury.

IV. Replying specifically to so much of the grand jury's presentment as refers to a note given by the county commissioners amounting to \$2500.00 for machinery bought by us for chain

gang purposes, we would most respectfully state: That the grand jury is mistaken as to the amount of the note, the same being for \$2300.00 and not \$2500.00. When this note was given, the same gentleman who was employed by the grand jury as expert to examine into the records of the county, was clerk of the board of County Commissioners. It was his duty to make proper entry of this outstanding note, and this it seems, he failed to do. We were aware, however, all along, of the existence of the note, its terms, when payable, to whom etc., as we had other memoranda showing the existence of the said note. We desire to state for the information of the grand jury and for this Honorable court, that this note was given on the 25th day of October, 1904, bearing date that day, payable January 20th, 1906, interest after maturity, to Good Roads Machinery Company of Kennet's square, Pa., for the sum of \$2300.00 and was the purchase price of one traction engine, to be used in the place of mules, with which to pull road building machinery, and also covering the purchase price for six rock cars, to be used in building causeways. This note is not yet due and we expect to meet its payment when the same become due.

V. Replying to so much of the grand jury's presentment as states that the road engine above mentioned was out of fix, we beg leave to state that sometime after we received this engine, and had used it, portions of it became out of fix, which is no unusual thing in the operation of machinery. We endeavored to get the parts necessary to make the repairs, but found at the time, that the factory which made the engine was burned, and we had to wait some little time before we could get the parts to make the necessary repairs. The fact that the engine was in the weather, did not hurt it in any way, and we had no convenient place of keeping it at that time. This engine has since been repaired and we are now using it successfully and advantageously on the county's roads.

VI. Replying to paragraph 8 of the grand jury's presentment, we note that we are charged with handling the county's money in an "unbusiness-like, careless and extravagant manner." In order that we may reply to this general charge against us, it will be necessary, for your Honor's intelligent enlightenment and understanding, that we go somewhat generally into details concerning the county's affairs. It is a fact and necessarily so, that the largest expenditures of the county's funds applied to any one source or branch of the county's affairs, are made in maintaining and keeping up of county roads and bridges. All of these matters we have been in the custom of keeping under the head of one general account, all claims, of course, when the same are presented to us, showing specifically and accurately what the claim is made for, the date of the services rendered, etc. This chaingang account includes the hire of guards, the purchase of provisions and supplies for convicts and guards and mules, and in such purchasing, we have always used the best business judgement and tact that we could. It has been our custom to award contracts every three months to the lowest bidder for supplying these provisions. We usually receive bids from the merchants in the town of Manning who deal in such articles, and award the contract to the lowest bidder after an actual calculation based upon the prices furnished, and then the supplies are furnished for three months at those prices. Upon an actual calculation made, covering several months in the past, we find that we have been able to feed the convicts and guards at an average price of from \$4.50 to \$5.50 per head per month. Up to a short time past it was necessary for us to employ three men to act as guards and superintendent in carrying on the work of the County Chaingang. These were employed at salaries as follows: One at \$35.00 per month, one at \$30.00 and one at \$25.00 per month. In purchasing hay and grain for the chaingang mules, it has been our custom to buy the same in carload lots and pay only brokerage commissions. In regard to the purchase of lumber for the county's bridges, we desire to state that there are 6600 running feet of bridges in the county directly under the control of the county commissioners, exclusive of the many small bridges which are supposed to be kept up by road overseers. It will be seen that the constant wear and decay of these bridges caused by regular travel, the weather and floods, is considerable, and that to keep them in repair is a source of constant expenditure. We find it impossible to buy lumber from any one person or lumber dealer under contract, to maintain all of the bridges in the different parts of the county, and it is therefore necessary for us to purchase lumber whenever we can get it. It is generally known that lumber of late years has become very high, but we have been enabled in most instances thus far, to purchase such bridge lumber as we have had to have, at the rate of \$10.00 per thousand. It requires a considerable amount of money to maintain a county chaingang, necessarily so, and this can be easily understood if one will consider the amount of bridges and roads in the county necessary to be kept up. We desire also to state to your Honor

that while in the past several years the chaingang has done a great deal of good, as is evidenced by the general improvement that must be noted in the roads throughout the whole county, we have come to the conclusion during the present year that the chaingang system, under the management that we were then running it, was not giving satisfactory returns to the county. This is due to the fact that the number of convicts got down to an average of only four or five, and it requires almost the same expense to operate the chaingang with that number of convicts as it would require if we had ten or fifteen, in so far at least, as machinery, mules, and guards are concerned. We have therefore thought best, and have lately practically done away with the use of convicts, leasing two to Sumter County, sending one to the hospital in the penitentiary, and keeping one to assist in the road work which we are now continuing. We have also thought best to dispose of some of the mules which we had on hand, and have lately sold five mules to Georgetown County for \$900.00, or an average price of \$180.00 a piece. We still have on hand three mules, which we find necessary to be kept for hauling purposes and operating dirt cars and trucks, but we are running the road building machines principally with the traction engine above mentioned, which we are operating successfully. We find it necessary even yet to employ two or three men, one good man at a salary of \$50.00 per month to operate and keep up the machinery, one man at a salary of \$25.00 per month and one at \$15.00 per month and by this change we have been enabled to materially reduce the chaingang expenses. It may not be amiss to state for your Honor's information and the information of the public, that as an offset to some of the money we have spent, which the grand jury in their conception of their duty charge as extravagance, we now have on hand three mules worth \$450.00, one engine and trucks worth \$2300.00, a number of carts for hauling dirt estimated at \$100.00, one portable prison and portable kitchen, which, if the chaingang system is not resumed, will be salable at \$500.00 for the two. The chaingang and roads and bridge account, and the maintenance of the poor, are the two principal sources for the expenditure of money, in which the county commissioners have to exercise their discretion. Nearly all other ways of expending the public funds are stipulated by fees and salaries.

VII. In regards to the maintenance of the poor, we beg leave to state that during the past year we have purchased a farm of 167 acres at a cost of only \$700.00, with which we propose to convert into a poor farm. We have not yet had the funds at our disposal to erect buildings upon these premises, but we are improving the place and have a fairly good crop upon it the present year which we propose to utilize in the maintenance of the poor and the support of the chaingang. It is our purpose as soon as we are in position to do so, to erect buildings upon these premises and require all of the poor of the county who are receiving aid from the public funds, to reside in the county poor house. We have heretofore supplied the most needy ones with only the necessities of life in monthly amounts from \$1.50 to \$3.00 and have been in the habit of paying only \$6.00 a piece whenever it has been necessary to purchase a coffin at the county's expense.

VIII. In regard to the indebtedness of the county, which seemed to astonish the members of the grand jury, we beg to state that the county is in no worse condition than it has been for several years past, and we expect to be able at the end of the present year, as we have done in the last several years, to pay off its usual annual expenses. A few years ago, the General Assembly provided for the erection of a jail at a cost of \$6000.00 and supplemented this amount with another appropriation of \$6000.00, and provided that this amount should be paid in installments which would become due annually for five years, and made a special levy of a mill to meet these expenses. \$5000.00 of this amount was borrowed from the State Sinking Fund Commission, and \$1000.00 taken from the dispensary fund. We owe up to this time on this \$6500.00 and a note to the Bank of Manning for \$888.00. We have in hand \$1500.00 with which to meet the next annual payment which becomes due in November next, leaving then a balance of \$2880.00 which will be due on the said jail, and there is no reason why this amount should not be met regularly and annually when the payments become due. It has been the custom for the past five or six years for the county to borrow from the State Sinking Fund Commission \$3300.00 with which to pay current expenses during the summer season, for court expenses, detaining prisoners and such like as require cash. This amount has always been paid and will be paid this year. The \$2888.00 above mentioned as being the amount due on jail and the note due for traction engine practically constitute the county's indebtedness outside of the amount due to officers for salaries and they have always been payable at the end of the year when taxes are collected. This has always been the case, and the county has always been able

when the taxes for the current year are collected, to liquidate these expenses and is in no worse condition now than it has been for a number of years past, and we expect to be able, unless some unforeseen disaster should occur preventing the county from having at its disposal the usual amounts arising from taxes, to liquidate all of the general expenses of the county for the present year as we have heretofore done. We beg to state further that whenever a claim is presented against the county for any amount, require that the same be made out plainly, telling what it is for and verified. These claims are kept on file from year to year, in addition to the records in the books, which are always open for inspection to the grand jury or any citizen wishing to see them.

In conclusion we beg to state to your Honor, as you are already perhaps aware, that the office of County Supervisor, or County Commissioner, is one which cannot be filled so as to satisfy everybody, as these officers are usually the victims, whether right or wrong, of much censure and criticism. It has been our constant endeavor and desire, while in the discharge of our public duties heretofore, as it will be in the future, to discharge them honestly and conscientiously, exercising at all times our best business judgement with regard to the needs before us, and to expend the County's funds always as economically as may be consistent with good business principles. We shall of course, be pleased at all times to receive suggestions from the grand jury, the court, or any of the county's citizens with regard to improving the general welfare of the public affairs under our control. We have thought it necessary in view of the general charges referred against us by the grand jury, to go thus into detail, and we hope that we have answered to the satisfaction of your Honor and of the grand jury the charges preferred against us in their presentment.

WHEREFORE, your petitioners pray that they be discharged from further presentment, and that the rule herein be dismissed.

J. H. LESSENE,  
Atty. for T. C. Owens, County Supervisor, and B. P. Broadway and H. McFaddin McIntosh, County Commissioners.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA—CLARENDON COUNTY.

Thomas C. Owens, County Supervisor, being duly sworn, says that the foregoing statements are true to his own knowledge, except as to those matters therein stated on information and belief, and as to those matters he believes them to be true.

T. C. OWENS,  
Supervisor C. C.

Sworn to before me this 25th day of Sept., 1905.

J. L. WILSON,  
Notary Public S. C.

## RETURN OF COMMISSIONERS TO RULE TO SHOW CAUSE—RULE DISCHARGED.

Before the grand jury were discharged, Solicitor Wilson, on being informed on Monday afternoon that they were about through with all other matters requiring their attention, requested that before their final discharge the returns of certain county officials whose offices had been reported in the summer presentment of the grand jury be read in the presence of that body. Thereupon Mr. J. H. Lesseue read before the court and the grand jury, the return of the County Auditor and the return of the County Commissioners. Upon the conclusion of this reading, Judge Watts stated that insofar as the County Auditor was concerned he saw no reason why he should not be discharged from the rule to show cause why he should not be indicted because of the matters set forth in the report of the grand jury at the summer term of the court, as they had been behind in his work appeared, said Judge Watts, to be a good one, and with reference to the dispensary request blanks, the Auditor had promised that the law as to these should be complied with, so that the purposes of the grand jury in reporting the Auditor's office were apparently subserved. As to the County Commissioners, Judge Watts said that the matters treated of in regard to them were principally matters of economy; that they had been guilty of no violation of law except possibly in the respect of failing to hand in the annual report of the Supervisor at the proper time, and that he did not see that there was anything upon which the Solicitor could hand out an indictment upon which he could order these officials indicted unless the grand jury upon looking further into the matter should have some further and more specific charge to prefer.

Judge Watts took occasion, however, to commend the course of the grand jury in the matter, and said that whenever there were matters which they did not understand or whenever they had reason to suspect that the county's money was being mismanaged or squandered, it was their duty and duty to require that a full showing be made before them of what was being done.

## TILLMAN FINDS AN HONEST MAN ON THE BOARD.

We wonder what Col. John Bell Towill, member of the State Board of Dispensary Directors meant last Saturday at Batesburg when he said to Tillman "God knows what you did when you went to Cincinnati." Can it be that Colonel Towill was about to let slip something he knows of Tillman's transactions when the dispensary was in its infancy, and the purchasers of whiskey forgot to put on record the rebates the State was entitled to at the time? If the Senator continues his prodding game it would not surprise us if he rams his pitchfork into a yellow jackets nest and come out of the melee with considerable disfigurement. Towill says "God knows what Tillman did in Cincinnati," and Tillman says he "didn't go to Cincinnati." Towill should have then and there asked him to explain to the people his transactions with the Mill Creek Distilling Company, and why it was that the many thousands of dollars of rebates are not recorded on the books of the dispensary. It is very evident that Colonel Towill has, during his membership on the State board, gotten some information which will be unpalatable to

Tillman, because, after Tillman intimated very strongly a reflection upon Towill's honesty, and the Colonel got to perspiring under the collar to an extent to hint that Tillman did something shady in Cincinnati, Tillman has-tempered to say he "had absolutely no feeling against Mr. Towill, and believed him to be thoroughly honest but he thought that he was in bad company." "When rogues fall out honest men get their dues," and as sure as fate, Tillman is steering his nerve into dangerous places. If he believes Towill honest why did he very recently hint that Towill had been bribed with a blooded horse by a whiskey dealer, and why did he charge that the dispensary machine was in the hands of a gang of thieves, and advise Governor Heyward to kick the brood of thieves out? Towill was present at the Batesburg meeting and resented Tillman's insinuations, and retorted with a good size one himself, then all at once Towill's character becomes as white as snow and is informed that his colleagues Evans and Boykin are rascals. At the next meeting it will be Hub Evans' turn to have his character laundried, and then Boykin can come in for a clearance card and a certificate or label for morality, such as a saint would be proud to obtain. Towill has given out the formula how this absolution is to be secured. When Tillman again attempts to charge corruption on the part of the board, let one of them step forward with the inquiry about the early transactions of the dispensary, and he will at once disclaim any reflection, and will intimate it is the absent members of the board who are bad men.

Just what the Senator will do if all three should unexpectedly loom up before him is hard to surmise. The nearest we can come to it is a story we once heard of a young man in a ball room who seeing an extremely homely woman sitting in a corner, asked another young man who that fearfully ugly woman was, the party inquired of, snappily replied "she is my sister," oh! no, said the young man "I do not mean her I refer to that one over yonder." Well hang you that is my wife; somewhat discomfited by the embarrassing position he was fast getting in, he made another attempt to extricate himself, and this time he said "my friend you do not understand me I mean that very ugly creature over there." Confound you, that is another sister of mine, said the young man, who showed clearly his impatience. Giving up in despair, the questioner said "well sir, I swear I never said it." So, it begins to look, will be Tillman's position. He charged the board with being a gang of thieves, then denied it. At another time he selected John Bell Towill to expose for having been bribed with a blooded horse, and when confronted at Batesburg Saturday, he changes his mind about Towill, believes him honest but in bad company, and when he is confronted with the others he will swear he never said it: The old man is walking a rope with knots in it these days sure.

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## Paxville Dots.

Editor The Manning Times:

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. are arranging a very interesting program for Friday evening, consisting of music, recitations and drills, after which systems and other refreshments will be served.

Miss Eva Curtis delightfully entertained the younger girls and boys at her home last Monday evening.

Miss Viola Court has gone to Manning, where she has accepted a position.

Mrs. H. C. King and Miss Eva Curtis visited at Summerton last week.

Magistrate Keels is erecting him quite a neat office.

Miss Cammie Riggs, of Manning, and Mr. Richard Touchberry were married at the parsonage Sunday afternoon.

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King's Improved Chill and Fever Tonic is the finest ever saw. I sold one bottle which cured some in three families. The only objection I have to it is that it cures too many people. S. H. Mathis, Conra's, N. C. Taste not bad. Large bottle. Always cures and chills don't return. Sold by Dr. W. E. Brown & Co.

## Jordan Notes.

Editor The Manning Times:

Rev. S. D. Bailey and family returned from their trip to Asheville last Thursday. Mr. Bailey will fill his regular appointment here next Sunday morning.

Mr. LeRoy Peglar returned to Rome, Ga., last Tuesday, where he is employed as bookkeeper.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rigby of Manning spent Sunday with the family of Mr. W. T. Spott.

Your correspondent made a mistake in the name of the school teachers for this place. It is Mr. Alexander instead of Prof. Daniels.

Mr. John C. Graham, Jr., has eleven acres of cotton which he will get two bales to the acre.

## Jordan Sept. 25, 1905.

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## Summerton School.

Special to The Manning Times.

The reorganization of the Literary Society of the Summerton Graded School took place in the Academy hall, Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Miss Cora Cantey presided. The only business transacted was the election of officers for the ensuing term of two months.

The following officers were elected: President, Mr. Levine Belsler; Vice-President, Miss Nora Jackson; Critic, Miss Mabel Harper; Assistant Critic, Prof. H. A. C. Walker; Secretary, Miss Lucy Mood; Supervisor, Mr. Julian Scarborough. Our Society is under careful direction of the principal and first assistant, and is an important factor in the work of the school.

ETNA, SCARBOROUGH,  
Recording Secretary.

Letter to Rev. A. N. Brunson.

Rev. Sir: In making pastoral visits of course, you do not consider your pleasure or comfort, or ease, you go where your people live. But you have two sets of feelings in going about—can't help it—we all have. But you especially have; for part of your business is sympathy. Well-kept lawns and well-tilled fields, nice homes and nice people, are cheering to you, as they are to everyone. Tumble-down building, poor fences, men harassed by burdens too heavy for them, overworked women, and dirty-faced children, you may be strong to get on with; but you would be more than human to find inspiration in misery.

Paint divides the two sorts of people: one paints and the other don't. Or, perhaps, the thrifty paint well: the unthrifty paint ill.

To paint well is to keep paint sound. There are two ways to do it: one is bound to paint often; the others to use good paint.

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## Notice of Discharge.

I will apply to the Judge of Probate for Clarendon County on the 26th day of October 1905, for letters of discharge as executor of the estate of T. James Davis, deceased.

RICHARD H. DAVIS,  
Executor.

Manning, S. C., Sept. 25, 1905.

## Notice to Creditors

All persons having claims against the Estate of William J. Kelly, deceased, will present them duly attested, and those owing said Estate will make payment to

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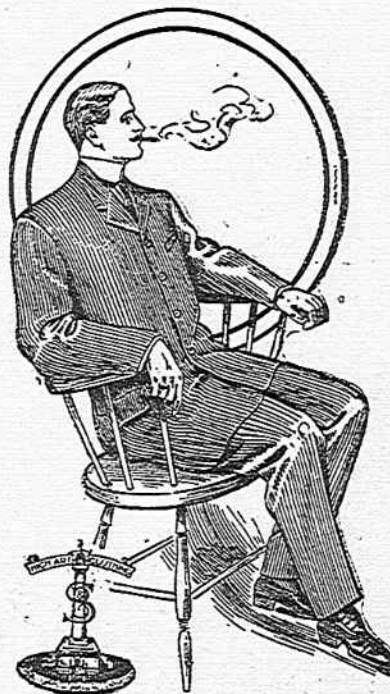
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